



Autumn Term

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## HEAD TEACHER'S HIGHLIGHTS

Dear parents

We have had a exciting week with both classes meeting dinosaurs! This is obviously encouraging the children's expressive language and helping generate some super writing ideas.

We have had some children really enjoying their individual music sessions and have been busy composing their own music , they are actually inspiring each other and bringing out the creativity in one another. Mr Rainbow has also brought in an electric drum kit , so a few children may be interested in taking up drum lessons. Year 2 are invited to take part in The Newport Big Sing –see date on newsletter. More information will be coming out early next week.

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent consultation meetings this week. I hope you enjoyed seeing the progress your child has been making and have a picture of their next steps in learning. We had so many positive comments about the school in general , how happy their children are and how keen the children are to learn . Your support towards your child and their learning is so beneficial and makes a real difference. Thank you to staff for their continued commitment to your child's development and wellbeing.

A happy St David's Day from your very proud Welsh Headteacher.

Best wishes

Jenny Griffiths

## HAPPY ST DAVID'S DAY



# Welcome

We were all a little surprised the see a new member in Class 2 on Thursday. His name is **Rex** and all the children thought he was **Roarsome!**





# CLASS 1

We have had another 'roarsome' week in Class One! We had a surprise visitor on Monday, a very scary dinosaur called an Indominus Rex who the children named Spike! Luckily it was in a cage so couldn't escape! It was so exciting having a pet dinosaur for the day, we made him feel very welcome by making welcome posters, drawing pictures of him and making him yummy dinosaur food! Even though he was a bit of a scary pet we were all very sad to see him go!



In maths reception have been looking at numbers up to 8. They ordered the number blocks and then talked about which numbers 8 is more than. We say '8 is more than 7.'



Have a lovely weekend and we will see you next week.

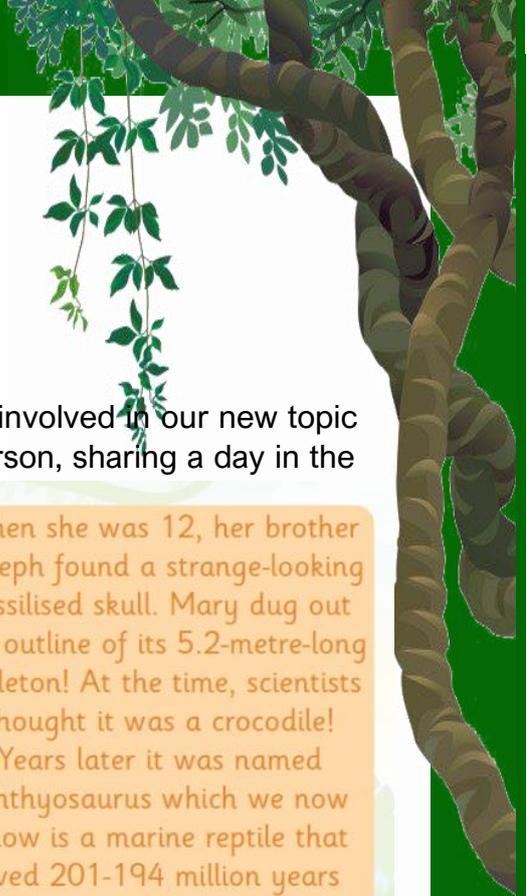


**STAR OF THE WEEK**

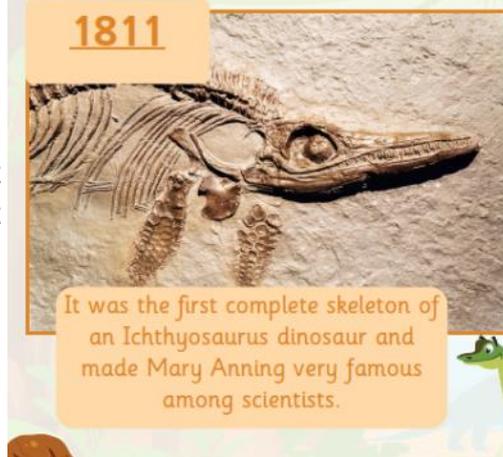
**Rewarded for settling in so nicely at Church Aston.**



# CLASS 2



It has been a busy week in Class 2! The children are thoroughly involved in our new topic 'Dinosaurs'. The children have been writing a diary in the first person, sharing a day in the life of Mary Anning. In history the children have sequenced the key events in Mary's life and we found out that she discovered the first Ichthyosaurus.



1811

It was the first complete skeleton of an Ichthyosaurus dinosaur and made Mary Anning very famous among scientists.

When she was 12, her brother Joseph found a strange-looking fossilised skull. Mary dug out the outline of its 5.2-metre-long skeleton! At the time, scientists thought it was a crocodile! Years later it was named Ichthyosaurus which we now know is a marine reptile that lived 201-194 million years ago.

In science we have observed what has happened with our seeds. The children were very excited because many of the seeds have started to grow a root and/or a shoot. The year 1 children explored the differences between deciduous and evergreen trees and year 2 have looked at the difference between a seed and a bulb.



Don't forget to keep counting on in 5s as this will help us with our tally charts!



**Rewarded for being an all round superstar and wonderful role model.**

**STAR OF THE WEEK**

# Important Dates

7th March—World Book Day—dress up as your favourite book character!

7th March—Friends of School Mother's Day Gifts ( details to follow)

15th March—Friends of School—Mufti Day & Bring a bottle

20th March—The Big Sing—Year 2 children only, parents welcome. 4pm at Newport Junior School

21st March—Easter Bonnet Parade

22nd March— Last day of Term.

25th March—5th April—Easter Holidays

8th April—Return to School



**THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAM IS**

**RED TEAM**



**WORLD BOOK DAY**

**NEXT THURSDAY**

**WHO WILL YOU BE?**

 Mothers & Others Day Gifts  
Friday 8th March

On Friday 8th March the children will be able to purchase their mothers or others gift for a loved one from school

**Cost £3.50**  
Please bring in cash for the children to purchase their gift

 Spring Mufti Day  
Friday 15th March

The children are invited to wear their own clothes for Spring

We would like to kindly ask in exchange for wearing their own clothes children bring a bottle for the tombola ready for our spring fair.

Thank you for your support

Friends of School

 **BIG WALK AND WHEEL**  
CELEBRATING 15 YEARS  
11-22 March 2024

 Headline sponsor **SCHWALBE**

**STARTS MONDAY 11TH MARCH**

See the separate letter within the e-mail for more details.

# *Celebrating Success*

## **REWARDS OF THE WEEK**

**Well done to all the children that received an award for Marvellous Mathematician, Wonderful Writer, Hand Writer of the week, Reader of the Week or Breakfast Club Superstar. Keep up the hard work.**



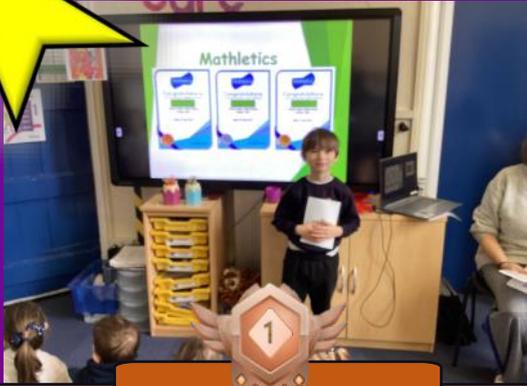
**Class 1**



**Class 2**

# Celebrating Success

# Mathletics



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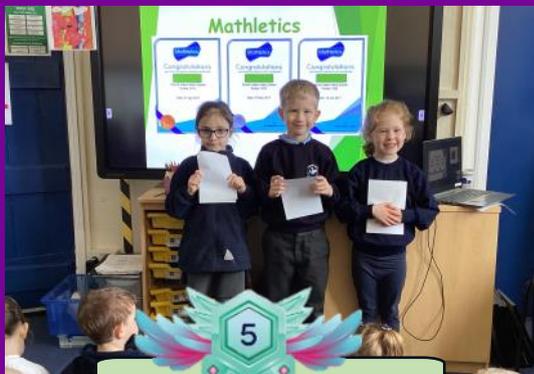
**SILVER**



**GOLD**



**PLATINUM**



**EMERALD**



**DIAMOND**